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In an effort to increase morale and production and undermine resistance to martial law, the regime yesterday announced extra benefits for workers in jobs which are hazardous to health or require special physical and mental efficiency. Two million of Poland's twelve million industrial work force will qualify for early retirement and additional disability pay. The eligible include some miners, transport workers and communications workers who have given strong support to Solidarity. [ ]

Solidarity statements calling on security forces not to obey orders in enforcing martial law have apparently struck a sensitive nerve. The Minister of Interior, Czeslaw Kiszczak, in his New Year's message, warned security forces to reject such Solidarity pleas. There have been rumors of occasional unwillingness by members of the security forces to follow orders but these incidents, if they occurred, were limited in number and did not involve large numbers of people. [ ]

Solidarity activists continue their efforts to collect and disseminate information about conditions in the country. A recent bulletin claims that the union knows of nine deaths since the imposition of martial law--only one above the official claim--and of the internment of 12,000 individuals. The regime has claimed that only 5500 people were interned and that some have already been released. [ ]

The Soviets continue to show concern at the ascendance of the Polish military over the Party. According to a Western press report, Pravda today asserts that growing numbers of Polish soliders are applying for Party membership. The Pravda article reportedly further states that Polish soldiers at the end of their term of military service are applying to remain in the army pending the successful completion of "the tasks they had been set." [ ]

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